

# They're everywhere, for everyone

# 75th ECES is the BEEF

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Here's to Prime BEEF.

Everyday you wake up and we are there.

We are in the walls of your tent, we are in the power as you flick on the light, we are the pavement under your tires, we are the cool air in the desert heat, we are the wooden bench under your seat as you puff a cigarette, we keep flies out of your food, we drive big tuff machines, we can blow anything up, and can put out the hottest fire – we are the 75th Expeditionary Civil Engineers.

So when you see a CE troop at the end of a long day, all covered in dirt and grime, give him a pat, shake his hand and say, "thank you mister, your services are greatly appreciated."

The men of the 75th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron have been working hard since they first set foot in Egypt Aug.

30. Before they could even begin their work as engineers, a small ADVON group accomplished a number of monumental tasks. They greeted the first Tanker Airlift Control Element aircraft on the ramp and helped them unload their plane. TALCE mistakenly loaded their forklift in the front of the aircraft. Then this lean machine off loaded the entire Harvest Falcon package – every asset and every vehicle.

After offload the team prepositioned all assets in preparation of the main body of engineers. These outstanding ADVON member were: 1st Lt. Scott Bole, SMSgt. Jeff Madigan, MSgt. William Dow, MSgt. Brian Naragon, TSgt. Ken Foster, TSgt. Chris Parker, SSgt.

Jason Foster, SSgt. Jesse Watson, A1C Marques Granderson and A1C Marlano Laughter.

The main body of engineers with the much appreciated help from the 75th Expeditionary Support Squadron erected the entire tent city five days ahead of schedule, ready for occupants. Did I mention hot showers were available on day two of camp?

Not only are these men the kings of Tent City, they are proud patriotic men that serve America the best way they know how – building things. After already working a grueling 12 hours, a day after the terrorist attacks on America, eight men worked

long into the night erecting a platform to display the most cherished symbol of freedom – our flag. The two 33-foot flagpoles are true engineering masterpieces; constructed of welded pipe, nuts, fittings, snap pulleys, and parachute chord. These men did this with conviction in their heart and a drive not seen in the common man, a truly important matter to these patriots. When the Red, White and Blue first towered over Camp Qui Web on the morning of Sept. 13 and salutes were held strong, no one thought about whom held up the flags. Madigan, Naragon, Dow, SSgt Ray Bedwell, TSgt. Slade Heeb, SSgt. Jeffery Tuning, MSgt. Karl Rogers and SrA. Matthew Leffler did, and they had a profound understanding of sacrifice and patriotism, deep in their hearts. Men like these are the foundation of freedom for which we fight. Their courage, selflessness and excellence are truly an example for us all.

We are the Civil Engineers, we are here to serve you!



Photos by SrA Chrissy Szczepanski  
A1C Donnie Harris, 75th ECES Fire Department pulls out a firehouse during training at Cairo West.



Above left, TSgt. Kenneth Foster, 75th ECES, shuffles dirt around the pipes that will provide water to the 75th Expeditionary Medical Support Squadron site and K-9 units. Above right, A1C Michael Kelly, 75th ECES, helps clear out a trench dug to bury water piping. By digging the trench now and providing piping throughout the camp, future BRIGHT STAR participants will enjoy even more comforts of home.